Claim 16, line 1, change "of any one of claims 1 to 15" to --of claim 1--; Claim 17, line 1, change "of any one of claims 2 to 16" to --of claim 2--; Claim 18, line 1, change "of any one of claims 1 to 17" to --of claim 1--; Claim 19, line 1, change "of any one of claims 1 to 18" to --of claim 1--; Claim 20, line 1, change "of any one of claims 1 to 19" to --of claim 1--; Claim 21, line 1, change "of any one of claims 1 to 20" to --of claim 1--; Claim 22, line 1, change "of any one of claims 3 to 21" to --of claim 3--; Claim 23, line 1, change "of any one of claims 1 to 22" to --of claim 1--; Claim 24, line 1, change "of any one of claims 2 to 23" to --of claim 2--; Claim 25, line 3, change "any of claims 1 to 24" to --claim 1--.

REMARKS

The above claim amendments are presented to remove multiple claim dependency, so as to reduce the required filing fee.

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